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SUBJECT: US OBSERVER DELEGATION TO SIXTH CARIBBEAN  
HEALTH MINISTERS CONFERENCE.

REF: STATE 120630

1. REFTEL NOTIFIED NASSAU AND GEORGETOWN THAT ADDITIONAL  
OBSERVER DELEGAE, PUERTO RICAN SECRETARY OF HEALTH  
ALVAREZ, WOULD BE ADDED TO US OBSERVER DELEGATION  
AT SUBJECT CONFERENCE.

2. DR ALVAREZ DID NOT APPEAR AT CONFERENCE UNTIL  
PENULTIMATE DAY, JUNE 13. HE SAT IN REAR SEAT BEHIND  
HEAD OF US DELEGATION. AT OPENING OF SESSION,  
CHAIRMAN ACKNOWLEDGED PRESENCE OF DR. ALVAREZ AS  
SECRETARY OF HEALTH OF PUERTO RICO AND ON BEHALF OF  
MINISTERS ASKED ALVAREZ TO SIT AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE.  
ALVAREZ DID SO, TAKING A PLACE HIGHER UP THE TABLE  
THAN THE OFFICIAL US DELEGATE. A PRINTED SIGN READING  
"PUERTO RICO" WAS PLACED BEFORE HIM. FINAL CONFERENCE  
REPORT LISTS PUERTO RICO AS SEPARATE OBSERVER DELEGATION  
UNDER HEADING OF "OTHER GOVERNMENTS."

3. US DELEGATION HEAD MADE NO PUBLIC MENTION OF  
SEPARATE SEATING OF ALVAREZ, DECISION IN WHICH EMBASSY  
CONCURS. ALVAREZ MADE NO ATTEMPT TO INTERVENE IN  
CONFERENCE SESSIONS. HE WAS ACTIVE IN ESTABLISHING  
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DIRECT CONTACT WITH OTHER HEALTH MINISTERS AND MEDICAL

ADMINISTRATORS, AND NATURALLY EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO THIS FROM TECHNICAL ANGLE.

4. INDEPENDENT SEATING OF ALVAREZ IS BELIEVED LIKELY TO HAVE RESULTED FROM PUERTO RICO INITIATIVE WITH GUYANESE. BAHAMIANS APPARENTLY DO NOT UNDERSTAND ISSUE INVOLVED AND WHEN EMBOFF MENTIONED IT IN OFF-HAND MANNER TO GCOB MINEXTAFF OFFICIAL PRESENT AT CONFERENCE, HE RECEIVED IN RETURN BLANK STARE OF INCOMPREHENSION.

5. US DELEGATION CHIEF UHRICH HAS MADE A SEPARATE PERSONAL REPORT OF SUBJECT CONFERENCE AS A WHOLE (SEPTTEL), AND INCLUDES HIS PERSONAL VIEW OF THIS MATTER.  
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